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Sir:

Please advise as to the status of the above-identified application. The last communication in this application was a Notice of Publication of Application mailed August 15, 2002.

Thank you for your prompt attention in this matter.

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